India/States and Union Territory	Literacy rate 1991
3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	40.71
4. Delhi	75.29
5. Daman & Diu	71.20
6. Lakshadweep	81.78
7. Pondicherry	74.74

*£Excludes Assam and Jammu & Kashmir.

Primary schools in the country

7213. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to the States during the last three years, year-wise for the growth of primary education;

(b) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the number of schools which are either functioning in the open or in thatched huts particularly in rural areas;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that creation of infrastructural facilities for the primary schools leaves much to be desired; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to ensure the creation of adequate infrastructural facilities for the primary schools?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Government of India had allocated the following amounts under the Elementary Education Sector during the last three years:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount allocated
1991-92	287.30
1992-93	284.00
1993-94	442.20

(b) and (c) According to Fifth All India Educational Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (Reference date 30th September, 1986) the number of primary schools functioning in the open or thatched huts in Rural areas is as below:—

	No. of schools
Open	38094
Thatched huts	28299

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In pursuance of the National Policy on Education, 1986 the scheme of Operation Blakboard was started in 1987-88 to bring all existing primary shools in the Country to a minimum standard of physical facilities by providing them with:—

(i) At least two reasonably large all weather rooms.

(ii) At least two teachers as far as possible one of them a women; and

(iii) Essential teaching and learning material including blackboards, Maps, charts a small library, toys and games and some equipment for work experience.

Under the scheme Teaching Learning Equipment has been sanctioned for 99.9 per cent of the total primary schools and 96 per cent posts of additional teachers have been sanctioned for single teacher schools. It is proposed to cover the remaining schools during 1994-95.

50 per cent additional class rooms have been constructed. For completion of remaining class rooms State Governments have been advised to take advantage of matching assistance under Jawahar Rojgar Yojna, Employment Assurance Scheme and Intensified JRY Schemes.

Payment of arrears to college teachers of West Bengal

7214. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has given upto 80 per cent of the amount to West Bengal Government for payment of arrears to college teachers thereunder the new pay scales with effect from 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether Government is aware that the State Government of West Bengal has disbursed only 75 per cent amount out of the 80 per cent received from the University Grants Commishion thereby withholding the remaining 5 per cent; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether the matter has been taken up with the State Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Government formulated a Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers in Universities and colleges and circulated it to all States and U.T's on 17.6.1987 for implementation w.e.f. 1.1.1986. The Government also decided to provide financial assistance to the States for implementation of the Scheme subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The Central Government would provide assistance to the State Government to the extent of 80 per cent of the additional expenditure involved in giving effect to the revision of sales of pay

(ii) The Central assistance to the extent indicated above would be available for the period January 1, 1986 to March 31, 1990.

(iii) The State Governments would meet the remaining 20 per cent of the expenditure from their own resources and would not pass on the liability or any portion thereof to the Universities or the managements of private colleges.

(iv) The State Governments would take over the entire responsibility for maintaining the revised scales of pay w.e.f. April 1, 1990.

(v) Central assistance would be restricted to the revision of pay scales of the posts which were in existence on January 1, 1986.

The Government of West Bengal submitted a claim of Rs. 32,000 crores from the Central Government for implementation o the Scheme. Out of this, funds of the order Rs. 80.50 crore have already been released by the Central Government to the Government of West Bengal for he purpose. The balance amount would be released on receipt of clarifications in regard to the Scheme from the State